

of the registered voters of the county as shown by the registration books for the last preceding election therein. The residence address of each signer shall be written after his signature. Each signature to the petition shall be verified by a statement (which may relate to a specified number of signatures) made by some adult resident freeholder of the county under oath before an officer competent to administer oaths, to the effect that the signature was made in his presence and is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. The petition need not be all on one sheet. If on more than one sheet, it shall be verified as to each sheet. The clerk of the board of county commissioners shall investigate the sufficiency of the petition and present it to the board of county commissioners with a certificate stating the result of his investigation. The board of county commissioners shall thereupon determine the sufficiency of the petition, and the determination of said board shall be conclusive.

Verification of signatures.

May be more than one sheet.
Each sheet to be verified.
Sufficiency to be investigated.

SEC. 4. If the board of county commissioners determine a petition filed as aforesaid to be sufficient, the board shall submit the question of issuing bonds under this act to the voters at a special election to be held as soon as may be practicable. The board of county commissioners shall fix the date for holding said election, shall name the registrars and judges of election for the voting precincts of said county, and shall cause notice of said election to be given by publication at least thirty days before the election in some newspaper published in Perquimans County. Said election shall be held and conducted in all other respects in accordance with the provisions of law relating to the holding and conducting of elections for members of the General Assembly. Those qualified to vote at said election shall be those who were qualified to vote at the last preceding election for members of the General Assembly and county officers and those who have since become qualified by becoming of age or otherwise. The decision of the board of county commissioners upon the right to vote of any voter shall be final and conclusive. At said election the voters who favor the issuance of said bonds shall vote a ticket with the words "For Road and Bridge Bonds" written or printed thereon, and the voters who are opposed to the issuance of said bonds shall vote a ticket with the words "Against Road and Bridge Bonds" written or printed thereon. The votes shall be counted at the close of the polls and returns thereof made to the said board of county commissioners on the Thursday next following the election, and said board shall by resolution declare the result of said election as soon as possible after the return of said vote, all of which shall be recorded in the minutes of said board of county commissioners, and no other recording or declaring of the result of the election shall be necessary. Said resolution of the board of county commissioners

If petition sufficient, issue to be submitted.

Commissioners to fix date of election.

Notice of election.

Manner of holding election.

Qualifications of voters.

Form of ballots.

Result declared.

Result published.